

Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development 2018

28-30 March 2018, UNCC, Bangkok, Thailand

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME (internal use)

DAY 1	
WEDNESDAY, 28 MARCH 2018	
8:00-9:00	REGISTRATION
AGENDA ITEM 1 Opening, election of the bureau and adoption of the agenda	
9:00-9:40	OPENING OF THE FORUM Address by the Outgoing Chair H.E. Dr. Ahsan Iqbal Chaudhary, Federal Minister for Interior, Planning, Development and Reforms of Pakistan Video message Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations Welcome H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Thailand Keynote Dr. Shamshad Akhtar, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP Remarks Ms. Joan Carling, Civil society representative
9:40-9:50	Election of the Bureau and adoption of the agenda
9:50-10:15	BREAK — Photo session and Pavilion of Partnerships for transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies in AP
AGENDA ITEM 2 Regional perspectives on the follow-up and review of the 2030 agenda for sustainable development	
10:15-12:00	SESSION 1: High-level panel on “Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies” <i>The session focuses on the theme of the APFSD “Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies” examining the increasingly complex risk profile and attendant resilience strategies prevalent in Asia and the Pacific. It assesses the drivers of economic, social and environmental risk in the region and the ways in which they affect and intersect with critical systems. It further discusses the capacities and policies that communities need to rebound from adversity and draw on successful examples from the region that have resulted in transformative action as envisaged in the 2030 Agenda.</i> FORMAT: Panel discussion moderated by the Executive Secretary Moderator Dr. Shamshad Akhtar, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP Panelists

	<p>H.E. Mr. Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman of Niti Aayog, India</p> <p>H.E. Dr. Alexander Bedritsky, Advisor to the President, special representative of the President on climate and sustainable development. Head of interagency working group on climate and sustainable development</p> <p>H.E. Ms. Faimalotoa Kika Iemaima Stowers, Minister for Women Affairs, Social and Community Development, Samoa</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Levan Davitashvili, Minister of Environment Protection and Agriculture, Georgia</p> <p>Discussants</p> <p>Mr. Bambang Susantono, Vice-President for Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, Asian Development Bank</p> <p>Mr. Haoliang Xu, Assistant Administrator and Director, Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations Development Programme</p> <p>Dr Marie Lisa Dacanay, Civil Society representative</p>
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12:00-13:30	LUNCH BREAK — (Ministerial lunch)
12:00-13:30	SIDE EVENTS
13:30-15:00	<p>SESSION 2: Progress in the Implementation of SDG17 and Promoting Means of Implementation</p> <p><i>The session will provide an assessment of progress in implementation of the SDG 17 in the framework of the context of “Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies”. The session will identify priorities for strengthening policy coherence in implementation efforts and highlight areas for regional cooperation.</i></p> <p>FORMAT: The session will focus on the means of implementation to support the resilience of Asia-Pacific societies. The moderator will, first, introduce ESCAP key staff who will briefly introduce some highlights of ESCAP’s work. To follow, Member States delegates will present short-preselected case studies of successful initiatives in their respective countries.</p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>H.E. Dr. Ahsan Iqbal Chaudhary, Federal Minister for Interior, Planning, Development and Reforms of Pakistan</p> <p>Interventions from ESCAP secretariat</p>
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15:00-18:00	<p>SESSION 3: Parallel Roundtables for In-depth Review of SDG 6, 7, 11, 12, and 15</p> <p><i>The roundtables are designed to establish a shared understanding of the outlook/progress on the goals at the regional level, and of the interlinkages between the goals included in the cluster and the broader goal framework; and to jointly develop policy recommendations to address challenges that are barriers to further progress and areas for regional cooperation to address the transboundary dimensions of these goals and challenges.</i></p>

FORMAT: This session will be held in 5 parallel sessions, with a dedicated roundtable for each of the goals under review in 2018. Each roundtable is organized by a team of UN system organizations led by ESCAP, with special interest in the goal. Resource persons will include representatives from member States, private sector and academia. The outcome of each roundtable will be captured in a statement to be shared in plenary the next morning.


	SDG 6	SDG 7	SDG 11	SDG 12	SDG 15
					
	Moderator Ms. Maki Hayashikawa, UNESCO Regional office	Moderator Mr. Hongpeng Liu, Director, Energy Division, ESCAP	Moderator Mr. Stefanos Fotiou, Director, Environment and Development Division, ESCAP	Moderator Ms. Mia Mikic, Director, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, ESCAP	Moderator Mr. Jaco Cilliers Chief, Policy and Program UNDP Asia Pacific
	Panellist Shaila Shahid Gender and Water Alliance	Panellist Dr. Pranab Baruah Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)	Panellist Ms. Norliza Hashim, Chief Executive Officer, Urbanise Malaysia, Ministry of Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government, Malaysia	Panellist Ms. Noer Adi Wardoyo, Ministry of Environment, Indonesia	Panellist Ms. Sonali Senaratna Sellamuttu, Ph.D., Senior Researcher and Head of Office for International Water Management Institute (IWMI)
	Shri Subrata Kumar Basu Under Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (MoWR, RD&GR)	Sohel Ahmed, Managing Director, Grameen Shakti, India Mr. Takahiro HASEGAWA Director, International Strategy Division, Global Environmental Bureau, Ministry of the Environment, Japan	Mr. Kinlay Dorjee Mayor of Thimpu, Bhutan	Mr. Arab Hoballah, Team Leader of the SWITCH-Asia SCP Facility, Thailand	Dr. Asdaporn Krairapanond, Deputy Secretary General, Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning (ONEP), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MoNRE), Thailand

18:00-19:00 LAUNCH OF THE SDG PARTNERSHIP REPORT AND RECEPTION

DAY 2 THURSDAY, 29 MARCH 2018

09:00-10:30 SESSION 4: Assessment of Interlinkages across SDGs

This session provides an overview of recommendations developed in all of the 2018 cluster of SDGs roundtables, including on systemic challenges, policy coherence, innovation and best practices, regional cooperation & interlinkages addressed in a holistic, coherent and integrated manner. Furthermore, it aims to establish a shared understanding on integrated and holistic policy approaches that

	<p>support implementation of the 17 SDGs with focus on key challenges related to the 2018-cluster SDGs.</p> <p>FORMAT: The session will start with a brief reporting from the parallel roundtables organized in session 3. TED-Talk format of presentations will follow and will be made by 2 experts on interlinkages. These will be followed by country statements providing examples of success stories and lessons learned.</p>				
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	<p>Rapporteur Mr. Ashok Kumar Jain Adviser, NITI Aayog, Government of India</p>	<p>Rapporteur Ms. April Porteria, Center for Environmental Concerns Philippines</p>	<p>Rapporteur Ms. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi, Secretary-General, UCLG-ASPAC</p>	<p>Rapporteur Mr. Karma Tshering, National Environment Commission Secretariat Bhutan</p>	<p>Rapporteur Mr. Douglas Nanayakkara, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Wildlife Sri Lanka</p>
	<p>Moderator Dr. Eun Mee Kim (Republic of Korea), Professor and Dean at the Graduate School of International Studies and the Director of the Institute for Development and Human Security at Ewha Womans University in Seoul, Republic of Korea</p> <p>Panellists</p> <p>Ms Caryl Anne Barquilla, Asia-Pacific Regional Representative, International Forestry Students Association (IFSA)</p> <p>Professor Tony Wong, Chief Executive, Business, Cooperative Research Center for Water Sensitive Cities</p>				
	COUNTRY AND STAKEHOLDER STATEMENTS				
10:30-10:35	LAUNCH OF THE SDG HELP DESK				
AGENDA ITEM 3 Strengthening the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development					
10:35-12:00	<p>SESSION 5: National Perspectives and Progress through the Lens of the Voluntary National Reviews</p> <p><i>This session aims to provide a platform for VNR participating countries to exchange experiences, share lessons learned and for peer learning in preparation for the 2018 HLPF with a view to highlighting national perspectives on progress in the implementation of and achievements of the 2030 Agenda.</i></p> <p>FORMAT: The session will feature a dialogue between countries who have already presented their VNRs with those preparing to do so at the HLPF this year. The countries preparing report for 2018 will be “twined up” and answer 2-3 questions posed by 2016-2017 VNR countries, to make the interactions relevant and meaningful. The session will also provide an opportunity for civil society and other stakeholders to reflect on the VNR process. No panellists will sit at the podium, the moderator will stand in a “talk show” style.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Stefanos Fotiou, Director, Environment and Development Division, ESCAP</p>				

	<p>Panellists: 2016-2017-2018 VNR countries</p>
	<p>COUNTRY AND STAKEHOLDER STATEMENTS</p>
12:00-14:00	<p>LUNCH</p>
12:00-14:00	<p>SIDE EVENTS</p>
14:00-15:30	<p>SESSION 6: Review of the Implementation of the Regional Roadmap for the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda</p> <p><i>This session will present progress on the regional road map for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific agreed on at the Fourth APFSD and endorsed by ESCAP member States at the 73rd Commission Session (resolution 73/9).</i></p> <p>FORMAT: This session will begin with a brief introduction on progress made against the road map in the past year, followed by a short video to illustrate ESCAP's cooperation with member States and partners in implementation of the road map along the priority areas of action. Finally, the segment will provide the opportunity for member States to give country statements related to progress made, remaining gaps, and recommendations for continued mapping of progress.</p> <p>Video on the progress of the Regional Roadmap for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in Asia and the Pacific</p> <p>Intervention Mr. Kaveh Zahedi, Deputy Executive Secretary of ESCAP</p>
	<p>COUNTRY AND STAKEHOLDER STATEMENTS</p>
15:30-17:00	<p>SESSION 7: Partnerships for implementation of the SDGs</p> <p><i>This interactive session will provide space for parliamentarians, local authorities, and representatives of private sector, academia and civil society to discuss challenges and opportunities for building effective partnerships in support of the implementation of the 2030 agenda.</i></p> <p>FORMAT: The session will follow an interactive format with a "Davos style" panel discussion</p> <p>Moderator Mr. Kazuhiko Takemoto, Director, the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS)</p> <p>Panellists</p> <p><i>Academia – Think-tanks:</i> Ms. Orakanoke Phanraksa, former co-chair of the Global Young Academy, Thailand</p> <p><i>Private Sector:</i> Mr. Asif Ibrahim, Vice Chairman, Newage Group of Industries, EBAC Executive Director</p> <p><i>Mayors:</i> Mr. Kinley Dorjee, Mayor of Thimphu, Bhutan</p> <p><i>Volunteers:</i> Mr. Toily Kurbanov, UNV Deputy Executive Coordinator, Management Services</p>

Civil Society:
Ms. Urantsooj Gombosuren, Civil Society Representative

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AGENDA ITEM 4 | Other matters

17:00-17:10 Other matters

17:10-18:10 **NETWORKING RECEPTION**

DAY 3

FRIDAY, 30 MARCH 2018

08:00-09:00 **SIDE EVENTS**

09:00-12:00 **SPECIAL EVENT ASEAN HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE ON COMPLEMENTARITIES**

9:00-12:00 **SIDE EVENTS and ENGAGEMENT SPACE**

12:00-14:00 **LUNCH BREAK**

12:00-14:00 **SIDE EVENTS**

AGENDA ITEM 5-6 | Review, adoption of draft report and closing

14:00-15:00 **Circulation of Draft report and Chairs' Summary for review by delegations**

15:00-16:00 **Review and adoption of the draft report of the Forum**

16:00-16:30 **CLOSING**